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Congresswoman Beverly Byron
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Byron,

I send the enclosed Baltimore Sun story detailing atrocities and terrorism in Nicaragua on the chance you have not seen it.

How indecent and shameful that we are responsible for such evil and that these evildoers are described by President Reagan as the moral equivalent of our founding fathers.

We cannot undo the past but I do hope that when the question of any additional assistant to these terrorists is again before the House you will vote against it.

I spent some years as an expert in that area in intelligence. I am certain that even the alternative that the Reaganites imagine serves United States interest much better than any association with such terrible inhumans. Based also on that experience I am certain that the Reagan policy is the one means by which the present Nicaraguan government will be driven to that imagined extreme. It isn't there yet and it doesn't want to stooge for any other government and really hasn't. But little by little Reagan is leaving it little or no other alternative.

Much of the rest of the world, which does not get its information from United States sources, deplores what we have done and are doing, whatever the relations between other governments and ours, and that, too, hurts us.

Whether he presents himself as Ahab Rambo or as King Canute, it is inevitable that Reagan cannot succeed in preventing the changes that were made inevitable by our earlier policies with regard to these small nations. We may not like those changes, but we can get along with them, as in Yugoslavia, and our national interests are served much better by not alienating most of the Latin American public and they would be better served with these governments friendly toward us, which they would be if only because that serves their interests.

And in a time when so many domestic needs are sacrificed for Reagan's policies, we have American children not getting needed care, which could be provided by the money these terrible people are just plain stealing from what Reagan got them from a reluctant Congress. Please do your part to prevent further graft and stealing by these terrible murderers of women and children who have not and cannot achieved any military objective, who use our money and support for terrorism and the attendant suffering of the innocent.

Sincerely,